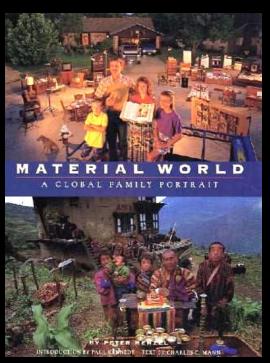


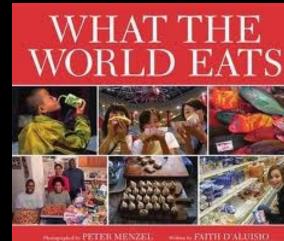


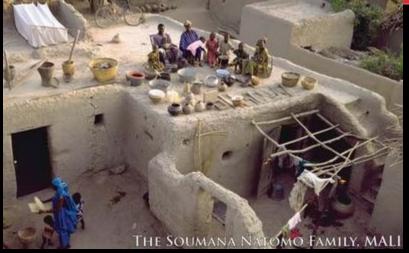
# USING DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY CROSS-NATIONAL INTERACTIONS GLOBAL "BIG PICTURE" UNDERSTANDING

## THE FOOD & STUFF OF OUR LIVES



Peter Menzel & Faith D'Aluisio



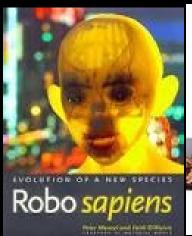


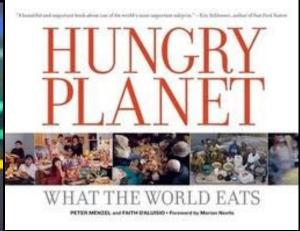
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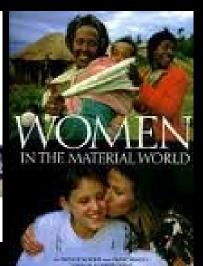
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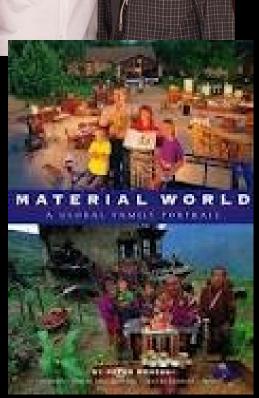
Photography-Based Research Projects by Peter Menzel and Faith DAluisio

- 1. Material Worlds: A Global Family Portrait (1994)
- 2. Women in the Material World (1996)
- 3. Hungry Planet: What the World Eats (2000)
- 4. RoboSapiens: Evolution of a New Species (2001)
- 5. What I Eat: Around the World in 101 Diets (2012)







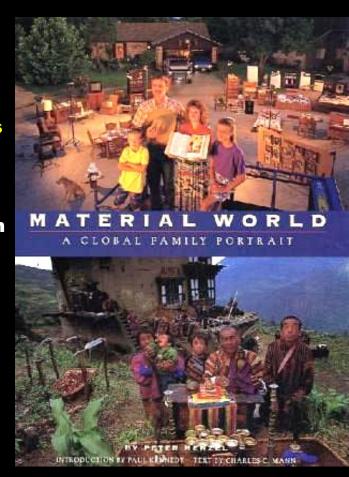


## **Material World: A Global Family Portrait**

By Peter Menzel & Faith D'Aluisio

## Menzel & D'Alusio's CENTRAL Research Questions:

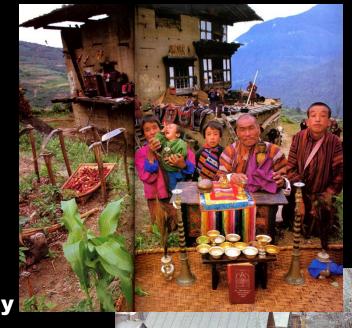
- 1. What are our connections (emotional, identity, family, sacred, etc.) to our <a href="MATERIAL OBJECTS">MATERIAL OBJECTS</a> & Possessions on a GLOBAL SCALE?
- 2. Photography + Anthro/SO Research. HOW can we use the medium of PHOTOGRAPHY + writing to gain a LARGER, more intelligent, and more multi-LAYERED set of perspectives of our world and important issues we all face?
- 3. GLOBALIZED MATERIAL GOODS! NON-RENEWABLE MATERIALS → PLASTICS ("forever chemicals")
- 4. CELEBRATE DIVERSITY on GLOBAL SCALE! Through the things we collect, Connect to and those objects/spaces we make SACRED. OVERCOME cultural stereotypes and FEAR of the "OTHER."
- 5. Can all 7 Billion HUMANS on EARTH have ALL of the things we want and still sustain a HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT for all <a href="https://www.human">human</a> cultures and <a href="https://www.human.com/other-animal/biological-creatures">https://www.human.com/other-animal/biological-creatures</a>?



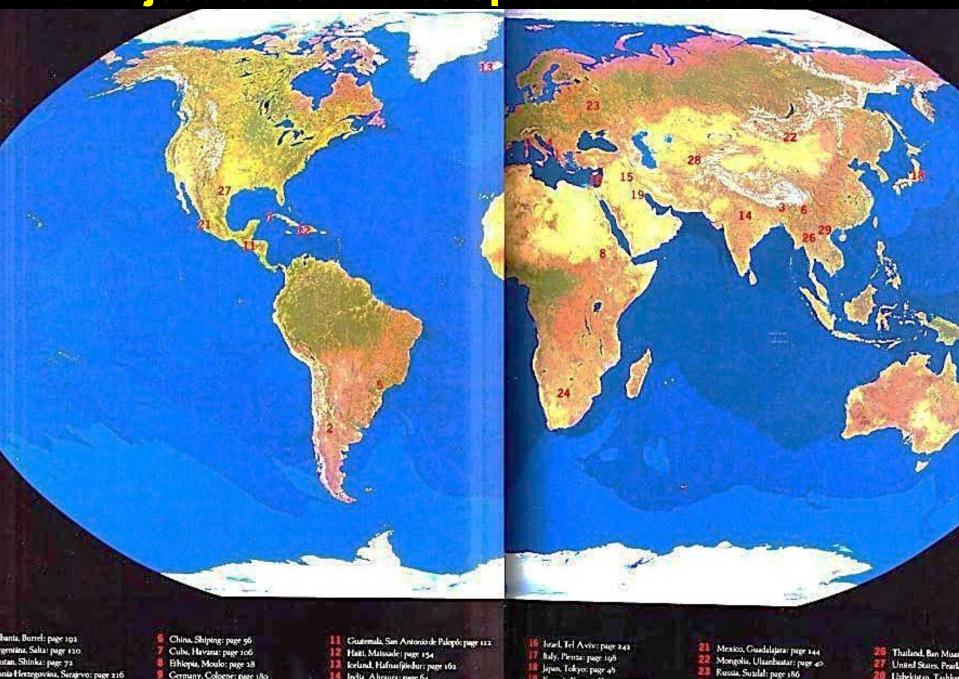
## Focus and Approaches for Material World

- □ Underlying Premise: We have NO true,
   ACCURATE, or valid vision or appreciation of
   the "other" and little understanding of our
   common connections as human beings.
- photojournalistic views of the world are REPEATEDLY and CONSTANTLY instilling all of us with FEAR, distrust, and xenophobia.
  - Focus and Approach -- An examination of Family and Material Consumption for the 21st Century
    - **✓ 16** documentary photographers

- ▼ Traveled to 30 nations around the globe
- ✓ Lived for a week+ with families which were statistically average for that country
- ☑ At the end of each visit, photographed a portrait of the family outside of its home with <u>ALL</u> of its possessions (prioritized).
- Funding\$\$ -- Supported in part by the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Development Program AND Menzel's own \$\$



## The Project: 30 Countries Spread across the Globe



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snia Herzegovina, Sarajevo: page 216

Germany, Cologne: page 180

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#### MALI

## Dirt Poor

The Natoma Family

6:30 A.M., MARCH 27, 1993 KOUAKOUROU, MALI

PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER MENZEL



#### KEY TO BIG PICTURE

. Soumana Natomo, father, 39 Pama Kondo, 1st wife, 28 3. Fatouma Niangani Toure, 2nd wife, 26

(1st wife's household)

- 4. Pai Natomo, 2nd daughter,
- 5. Kontie Natomo, 1st son, 9 Mama Natomo, 2nd son, 6
   Mamadou Natomo, 3rd son,

#### **OBJECTS IN PHOTO**

(Roof, left to right)

· Broken pot

· Basket (with clothes)

rags, scraps) . Cooking pot (with ladle)

· Water kettles (2)

. Washing tubs (5, plastic and aluminum)

. Broken bark basket (with

. Plastic water containers (2)

· Watering cans (2, one bro-

- . Mortars and pestles (3, for pounding grains)
- . Sieves for sifting grain (2) · Ritual cane (at roof edge)
- · Musket (broken, inherited from father's father)
- · Mosquito netting (covers Bicycle
  - · Cultivating implements (hoes,

(Lower wall and open kitchen)

- · Cooking fire

(not pictured) Tata Natomo, 1st daughter, 13

(2nd wife's household)

- 8. Toure Natomo, 1st daughter, 5
- 9. Fatoumata Natomo, 2nd daughter, 3
- 10. Mama Natomo, son, 1 11. Cia Niento, wife of father's
- brother (in blue, with children - not part of household)

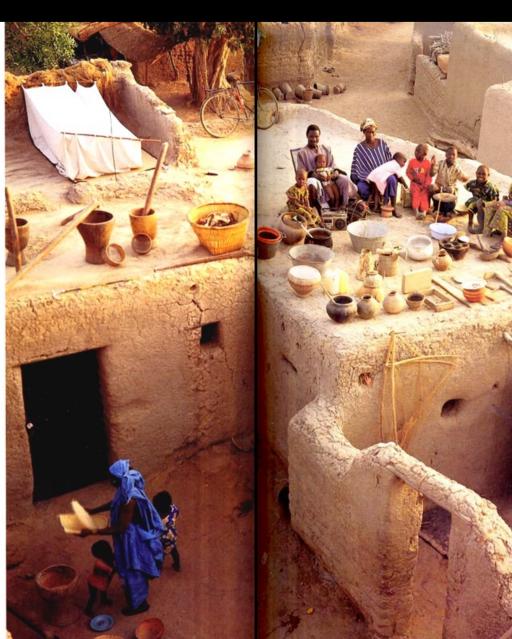


- mold (with sample brick) · Battery-powered radio/cas
  - sette-tape player · Folded blanket (between father and 1st wife)
  - Sweet rice mush (near children, in cookpot fitted with firepot)
  - · Wooden condiment container
  - shovel, knife, broad axe)



. Wooden rack (for shade, dry ing clothes)

· Water (in big clay pot)



MAURITANIA

MOROCCO

WESTERN SAHARA

MALI

SENEGAL THE BAMAKO BURKINA FASO BENIN GAMBIA GUINEA-GUINEA

BISSAU CÔTE GHANA SIERRA

D'IVOIRE

LIBERIA

NIGERIA

NIGER

**ALGERIA** 

## Mali-2

#### NATOMO FAMILY

Size of household 7 (1st house, including father) 4 (2nd house)

Size of dwelling 540 sq. ft. (50 sq. m.) 1st house 450 sq. ft. (42 sq. m.) 2nd house

Workweek

112 hours (Father) 112 hours (Both mothers — all inside home)

Number of

Radios: 1, Telephones: 0 Televisions: 0, VCRs: 0, Bicycles: 1, Automobiles: 0

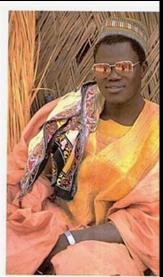
Most valued possessions Bicycle (Father)

Per capita income (\$US) \$251

Wishes for future

Irrigation system, motorcycle, enclosed garden

ON MARKET DAY in Kouakourou village, Soumana Natomo goes to purchase rice, which he buys in bulk and later resells. After haggling with the female wholesalers (B), he returns with two sacks of rice to store in the house that he shares with his first wife, Pama. The second. Fatouma, is two years younger than Pama and lives in a small one-bedroom apartment up an alley 250 feet (80 m.) away. Returning from the market, Soumana hears the muffled thumping of women pounding grain to make flour (A). Because it is Ramadan, the month when Muslims fast during the daylight hours, everyone is working at a slower pace than usual. Indeed, some men use the occasion to lounge about for hours, dazaling passers by with their most elegant outfits (D). The Natomos dress up, too, expending their yearly clothing budget at this time. Part of the reason is that after the fast ends at sunset, Kouakourou fills with food and music - Ramadan is also the month for weddings, dances (C), and other social activities.





#### STATS

Area 478,841 sq. mi.

478,841 sq. mi. (1,240,189 sq. km.)

> Population 10.8 million

Total fertility rate 7.1 children per woman

Population doubling time

Percentage urban/rural

27% urban, 73% rural

Percentage of forest lost between 1981-90 0.8%

Life expectancy Female: 50, Male: 47

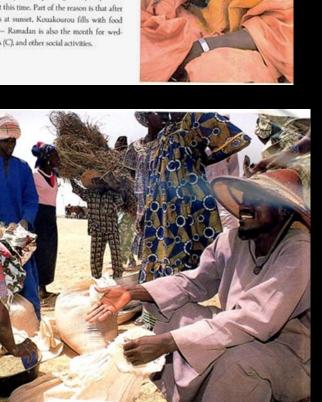
Infant mortality 159 per 1,000 births

Population per physician 19.450

Literacy rate Female: 24%, Male: 41%

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Rank of affluence among the 183 U.N. members 162





# **Ethiopia**

## ETHIOPIA

## Constant Struggle

The Getu Family

8:30 A.M., FEBRUARY 12, 1994 MOULO, ETHIOPIA

PHOTOGRAPHS BY SHAWN G. HENRY



#### KEY TO BIG PICTURE

- Getu Mulleta, father, 30
- Zenebu Tulu, mother, 25
- Teshome Getu, 1st son, 10 Like Getu, 1st daughter, 8
- OBJECTS IN PHOTO

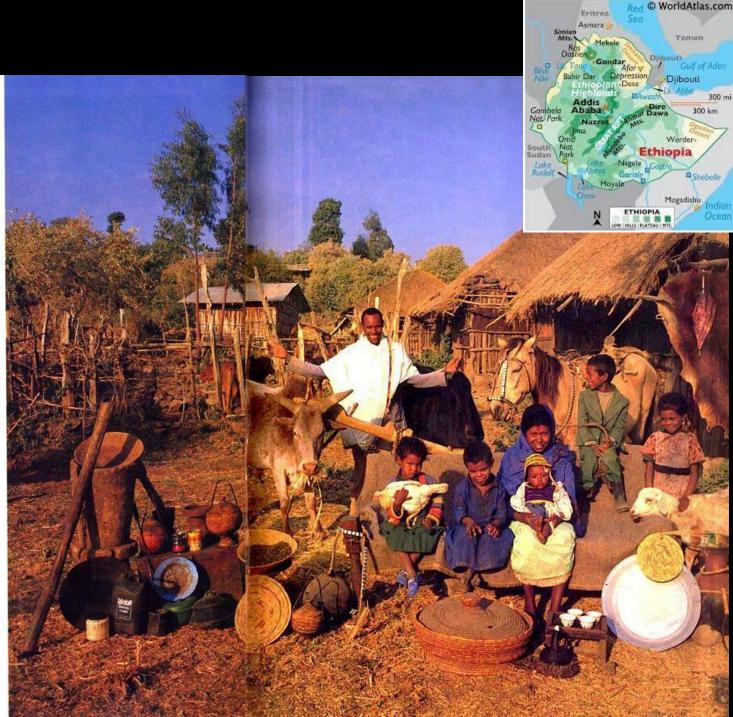
(Foreground, left to right)

- Mortar and pestle (for pounding grain)
- Frying pans (2, one on ground next to house)
- Plastic containers (one for
- coffee beans, one for water)
- Iron frying tool Salt (in can)
- Plastic bowl and plate
- Clay cooking pot Wooden storage box (with clothes)
- Gourd jar (holds butter) Baskets (3, for milk and
- other food) Tin cans (2, for drinking)
- Oxen (2, one with yoke) · Basket (on low table, full of endod)
- Shallow basket (leaning on table, for serving)
- · Clay pot

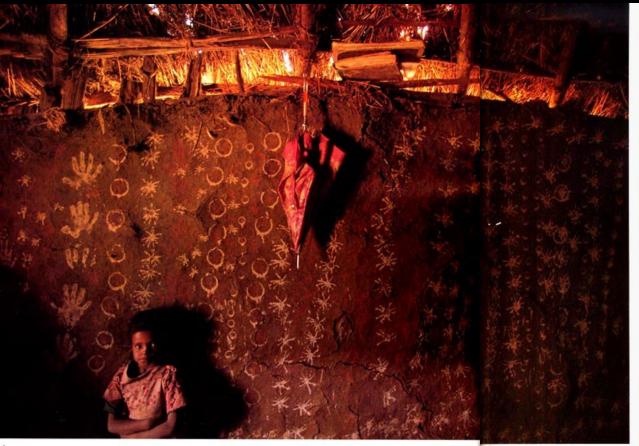
- 5. Mamoosh Getu, 2nd son, 7 6. Mulu Getu, 2nd daughter, 3
- 7. Kebebe Getu, 3rd son, 8
- · Halter (for horse)
- . Bed (with wool blanket)
- · Basket with lid
- . Chicken (1 of 8 owned by
- family) · Coffee set
- · Tea kettle
- · Serving tray
- · Partially completed basket
- · Clay water jar · Sheep and lamb
- Horse (1 of 3)
- . Cowhide (used as cushion)
- . Umbrella (hanging from building)

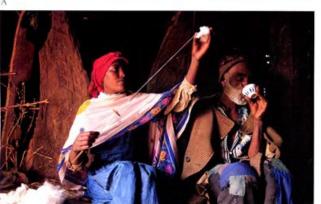
#### (Background, left to right)

- . Corral with cattle (5)
- . House of father's brother
- · Brother's cook house
- · Family house
- · Father's parents' house



## Ethiopia-2







A SITUATION with few resources, the eus depend heavily on cattle dung. Every morning, nebu collects fresh dung from the corral and mixes it with aw into a paste. Some of the paste is used to plaster the is of the house (A. decorations printed with a mixture of es and water). She flattens the rest into wide patties that are ed broken into pieces, and used for fuel. At other times the scavenge the fields and bring home dried dung (C). oking with dung takes up much of Zenebu's time. Other s include attending to the children (B. combing daughter Linksie and preparing coffee for the men. The latter may corn several times a day. Three times a day, relatives conegate at each other's houses, having a bit of coffee in a cofmemony (D. Geta's father, Mulleta, having a cup at Geta's se, while his sister, Bezo, threads cotton). With good neason: estrong, richly flavored coffee of Ethiopia is celebrated by reaficionados — the province of Kaffa in southwestern

#### ETHIOPIA



#### ETHIOPIA ETIYOP'IYA

#### STATS

#### Area

471,815 sq. mi. (1,221,991 sq. km.)

> Population 58.0 million

Total fertility rate 7.0 children per woman

Percentage of couples using contraception 4.0%

Population doubling time 23.1 years

Percentage urban/rural 13% urban, 87% rural

Government debt as percentage of GNP

Ratio of people to automobiles

Ratio of people to cattle

Life expectancy Female: 50, Male: 47

Percentage of rural population without safe drinking water

Rank of people per physician among the 183 U.N. members 183

Rank of affluence among the 183 U.N. members A bone to humankind for at least 1.5 million years. Ethiopia is the only African nation never ruled by for rigners (except for a brief, chaotic incursion by Italy, 1035-41). Its history made it into a proud emblem of African independence, with the Organization of African Unity having its headquarters in Addis-Ababa, the capital. In recent years, though, Ethiopia has become a symbol of civil strife and ecological devastation. A famine from 1972 to 1974 led to a coup that ended the almost-50 year reign of Emperor Haile Selassie. The new dictator, Lieut. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, waged war for years on many fronts: within Ethiopia, against rebel groups; in the south, against Somalia; and especially in Eritrea, a northern area annexed illegally in 1962. Economically, he followed the Soviet model. In the 1980s his government forcibly resettled 500,000 farmers and used food as a weapon against areas with rebels. Added to a series of droughts, these policies led to famines that consumed 2 million lives. The collapse of Communism coincided with the victory of rebels in Eritrea and within Ethiopia. Mengistu was overthrown in 1991. A coalition government took the reins, letting Ethiopians return to their homes and trying to restart the economy. Many troubles remain. Use of wood as fuel and the nation's abundance of livestock have caused some of the world's worst deforestation and erosion. As a result, this ancient place will simultaneously have to become more prosperous and transform its relationship to the environment — a daunting prospect.

# Bhutan

#### BHUTAN

## Resisting Cultural Change

The Namgay Family

4 P.M., JUNE 7, 1993 SHINKA, BHUTAN

PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER MENZEL



#### KEY TO BIG PICTURE

- Namgay, father, 50
- Nalim, mother, 47
- 3. Kinley, 1st son, 17 4. Bangum, 2nd daughter, 14
- 5. Zekom, 2, 3rd daughter
- Sangaym, 29, 1st daughter
- 7. Sangay Khandu, 33, her husband (their children listed next)
- 8. Choeda, 9, their 1st daughter

#### **OBJECTS IN PHOTO**

(Foreground, left to right)

- . Bumpas (2, with peacock feathers, hold water in purification rituals)
- . Jeles (2, double-reeded ceremonial clarinets)
- . Choeps (14, metal bowls for water offerings)
- . Book of Buddhist teachings · Chodom (table used by visit-
- ing religious functionaries) · Troe (on chodom, cast
- bronze ceremonial vessel) . Statue of Namtose, god of wealth (on chodom)
- . Lamp (on chodom, uses but-
- · Shakyamuni Buddha statue with silk robe (on chodom)

#### (Left of family)

- · Corn plants
- . Hoes and cultivators (9) Basket for winnowing grain

- 9. Chato Namgay, 7, their 1st son Sangay Zam, 5, 2nd daughter (on porch, near steps)
- 11. Chato Gyeltshen, 3, 2nd son 12. Tandin Gyeltshen, 2, 3rd son 13. Kinley Dorji, 61, mother's brother (unmarried)
- 14. Kado, 27, father's cousin, (visiting monk, on ground)

#### (Ledge on house, left to right)

- Basket and bag of rice (2) · Ladder to attic (hewn from
- · Clay pot for water
- · Pantry cabinet (left of door)
- · Wind socks for temple decoration (3, hanging from rope)

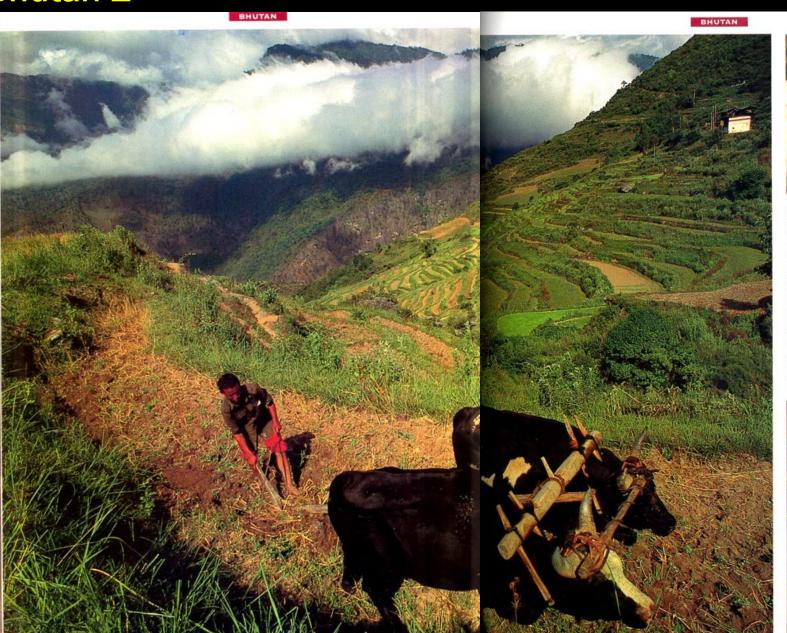
  Storage chests (3, for clothes)
- . Blankets (3, folded)
- · Sewing machine (treadle type)

#### · Pig (tied under steps) Porch (behind family, left to

- · Rugs (5, for altar room)
- · Wheat (for making bread and alcohol)
- · Pitch fork (wooden)
- · Butter churn and cooking pots (by 1st daughter)
- · Storage baskets (11) · Wood (being hewn with adz into yoke for bulls)



## Bhutan-2





HUSBAND AND WIFE, Sangay Khandu and Sangaym, spend much of their day with the family cattle. One of Sangaym's morning duties is milking the cows into a wooden bucket (B). Sangay Khandu uses the bulls to plow the field, readying it for rice planting (A). He moves gingerly around the beasts. which are notoriously bud-tempered. The Namgay household owns 5 acres (2 ha.) of land, scattered in terraced strips through the hills, each strip being devoted to one crop: wheat, rice, chilies, or potatoes. The wheat harvest (C), now in full swing, is assigned to the women. They take two long, dowel-like sticks, pinch a fistful of wheat heads between them, and then pull up. snapping off the heads. For long-term storage, they cut the whole stalk, bind it into elegant sheaves, and store the result in the attic, from where it is threshed little by little, as the family needs it.



# Iceland

## ICELAND

## Fire and Ice

The Thoroddsen Family

4:00 P.M., DECEMBER 15, 1993 HAFNARFJÖRDUR, ICELAND

BIG PICTURE BY PETER MENZEL

DAILY LIFE PHOTOGRAPHS BY MIGUEL LUIS FAIRBANKS



#### KEY TO BIG PICTURE

- Bjorn Thoroddsen, father, 57 2. Margret Gunnlaugsdöttir,
- mother, 42 3. Sif Hauksdöttir, daughter from mother's 1st marriage, 18

#### **OBJECTS IN PHOTO**

(Left to right)

- . Icelandic-breed horses (2 of 4 owned by mother)
- · Rug (obscured by horse)
- · 150-year-old desk
- · Loveseat, chair, and sofa (matching set)
- · Damascus-style table . Swivel chairs (2, one by corner of house)
- · 2nd sofa (behind 1st sofa) . Cars (BMW and Citroen,
- lights on)
- · 2nd desk (for children) · Toy airplane and helicopter
- (on 2nd desk)
- Tall shelves with knickknacks
- · Parents' bed (queen-size) . Stroller (not currently in use) · Cellos (2, with music stand
- and sheet music)
- · 2nd rug (beneath cellos) · Antique chair (beneath boy)
- · Music stool (beneath girl) · Chest of drawers filled with toys, stuffed animals

- 4. Gunnlaugur Björnsson, son,
- 5. Gestur Björnsson, son, 11 6. Thordis Bjornsdottir, daughter, 7
- Portable cassette tape play-er, pink plastic doll house (on chest)
- . Childrens' beds (3, around chest of drawers)
- . Doll, doll bed, big black toy truck (leaning on foot of nearest bed)
- . Toy guns (2), Tony the Tiger bedroom slippers (leaning on head of nearest bed)
- · Washing machine, dryer, refrigerator, mixer, toaster, food processer (on patio)
- · Stove/oven, pots and pans
- · Dishwasher, storage tins · Storage cabinet
- . Eating tables (2, one with lamp and crockery)
- . Kitchen chairs (3) · Tool chest (red)
- . Televisions (2, on TV stands)
- · VCR and stereo (under right TV)
- · Christmas tree · Shovel (behind tree)
- . Bicycles (3, at rear) · Clothesline with clothes



ICELAND



#### **ICELAND** ÍSLAND

#### STATS

Population

Population density 6.5 per sq. mi. (2.5 per sq. km.)

Total fertility rate 2.2 children per woman

Population doubling time

Percentage urban/rural

Rank of per capita electricity use among world nations

Rank of fish consumption among world nations

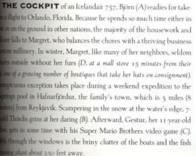
Rank of per capita health-care spending among world nations

> Rank of life expectancy among world nations

Rank of affluence among the 183 U.N. members

Iceland meets almost all of its energy needs by tapping the heat of its 200 volcanoes and the flow of the rivers on their Area cances and the flow of the rivers on their 39,758 sq. mi. (102,972 sq. km.) slopes. Partly as a result, its people enjoy one of the world's highest standards of living while breathing some of its clean est air. Historically, this state of affairs is a change. Norway and Denmark occupied keland for 600 years and kept it in penury. Only in the 20th century could it create a real fishing industry, which became the mainstay of its economy. Independence occurred in 1944, followed by a relatively stable coalition government. Recently a national prececupation has been protecting the fisheries. Extending territorial waters to a 200 mile limit provoked the "cod war" of 1975, in which Britain severed diplomatic relations. Although mediation resolved the dispute, keland and its neighbors will now have to face a larger issue; overfish ing. The same fisheries technology that accounts for one-seventh of Iceland's gross national product is wiping out the harvest, and the nation faces a sharp conflict between its long term and short term













# Mongolia

## MONGOLIA

## Reconstruction

The Regzen Family

4:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 28, 1993 ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA

BIG PICTURE BY LEONG KA TAI AND PETER MENZEL

DAILY LIFE PHOTOGRAPHS BY LEONG KA TAI



#### KEY TO BIG PICTURE

- Regzen Batsuury, father, 37 2. Lkhamsuren Oyuntsetseg,
- mother, 31 3. Batsuury Khorloo, daughter,
- 4. Batsuury Batbileg, son, 5

#### **OBJECTS IN PHOTO**

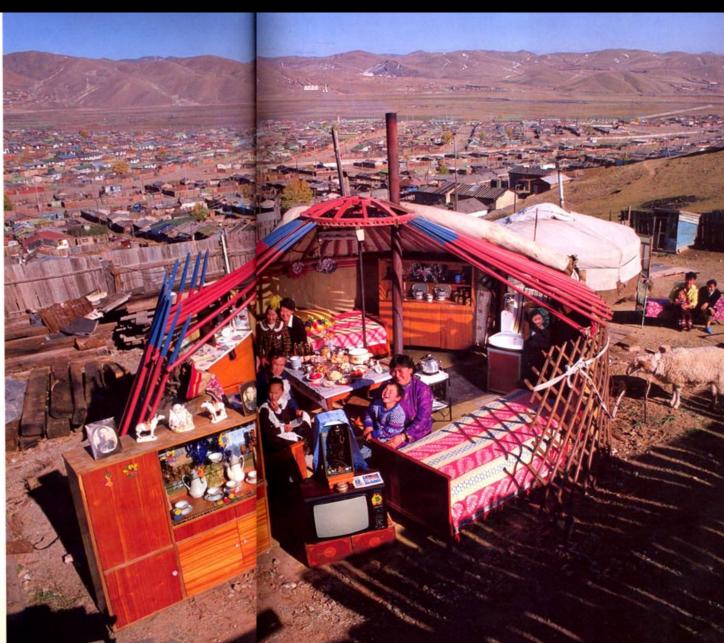
(Clockwise from left)

- · China cabinet with stickers of Chip 'n' Dale Rescue
- Rangers cartoon characters . Family portraits (2), ceramic horses (2), ceramic Buddha (atop cabinet)
- . Tea sets (2), small bronze Buddha (in cabinet)
- · Poles used to form structure of ger, family dwelling
- . Dresser with alarm clock and vanity mirror
- . Twin bed with woven coverlet, extra bedding (folded) · Dining table
- · Tomatoes, hard cheese, teapot, jar of preserves. figurines (2), soft drinks (6 battles), bowls of cookies, condiments, and candy (7)
- (atop dining table) · Electric hot plate, electric

- 5. Oyunjargal, father's sister, 33 6. Yeruultzul, her daughter, 12
- 7. Mother's sister with husband and son (seated on bed, next
- · Fluorescent light fixture, incandescent bulb (hanging
- from peak of ger) · 2nd china cabinet
- . Trays (2), teapots (2), china statuary (in cabinet)
- · Washbasin (white, on wood-
- · Photograph
- · 2nd twin bed with coverlet . Television (black-and-white, with Chip 'n' Dale Rescue
- Rangers sticker) · Incense holder, carved wooden Buddha in glass case (on television)

#### (Outside ger)

- · Sheep (tethered to right)
- · Ger and bed of mother's sis-
- ter's family · Icebox, barrel, water containers



# Vietnam

#### VIETNAM

## Communist Free Market

The Nguyen Family

2:30 P.M., NOVEMBER 10, 1993 VIET DOAN, VIETNAM

PHOTOGRAPHS BY LEONG KA TAI



#### KEY TO BIG PICTURE

- Nguyen Duy Ha, father, 33
   Nguyen Thi Canh, mother, 31
   Nguyen Thi Huong, daugh-
- Nguyen Thi Huong, daughter, 9
   Nguyen Duy Hung, son, 7
- OBJECTS IN PHOTO

#### (Clockwise from bottom left)

Ciockwise from bottom lenti

- Bicycles (2, 1 Vietnamese, 1 Czech)
- Pith helmet (on low wall)
  Insecticide pump sprayer
  Kettle (on wall by sprayer)
- Beds (2) Pigs (2), chicken, rooster Haystack (behind left bed)
- Bedding (on left bed)
   Slippers (2 pair, below bed)
   Wheels for cart
- Wheels for cart Earthenware urn Tall metal pot
- Chair (partly obscured by fan blade)
- House (built by grandparents; land still owned by
- Desk with Huong and Hung's books (along house)

Extended family (4 aunts, 4 uncles, grandparents, various children

Nguyen Thi Hai, daughter, 3 (trying unsuccessfully to

blow up balloon)

- Hoes, rakes, other farm implements
   Attached kitchen (directly
- behind the Nguyen family)
   Bamboo bench (family sitting)
- on it)

  Sideboard with china behind
- glass doors
   Thermos (on sideboard.
- Chinese-made)
   Tea set (on sideboard)
- Electric fan (on sideboard,
- base wrapped in plastic)
   Ceiling fan (on sideboard,
- Chinese-made)

  Basket of miscellaneous
- china (behind fan)

  Serving trays (leaning
- against sideboard)

  Basket of pots, pans, and
- . Stools (2, one behind trays)



# Argentina





## ARGENTINA

# Stability—At a Price

The Carballo Family

2:30 P.M., NOVEMBER 27, 1993 SALTA, ARGENTINA

BIG PICTURE BY PETER GINTER

DAILY LIFE PHOTOGRAPHS BY DIEGO GOLDBERG



#### KEY TO BIG PICTURE

- Juan Carlos Carballo, father, 42 Marta Elizabeth Iniguez, mother,
- 3. Nahuel Carballo, son, 9

#### **OBJECTS IN PHOTO**

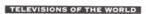
- (Foreground, left to right)
- · Houseplants (8, most just behind family)
- . Dining tables (2, 2nd far left behind plants) · Silver tea set (atop 1st din-
- ing table) · Miscellaneous chairs (3,
- around table)
- · Shoes (20 pairs)
- · Sewing machine and table
- (Background, left to right)
- · Office-style desk (far left, directly behind plants)

  Beds (3, behind desk)
- Floor lamp
- . Tableware (atop 2nd dining
- . Chairs (4, around 2nd dining table)
- · Curio shelf
- · Armoire and clothes
- Dresser . Stereo and TV (atop dresser)

- Maria Belen Carballo, daughter, 8
- Maria Pia Carballo, daughter, 6
- Refrigerator · Washing machine (on cast-
- · Stereo speakers (right of washing machine)
- Piano Photo-portrait (by Juan Carlos)
- · Dining chairs (6)
- · Dolls and stuffed animals (on chairs, bear in center is youngest daughter's favorite
- · End table (in front of chairs)
- Rug (under end table) · Home (yellow building, family
- occupies semi-separate apartment) Sideboard for china (against
- building) · Couch (against building)
- Cabinet for glassware (against building)

· Catholic church (adjacent to family residence)

# Televisions of the World









TELEVISIONS OF THE WORLD























ITALY

RUSSIA

BOSNIA



THAILAND ALBANIA GREAT BRITAIN

KUWAIT BRAZIL JAPAN MEXICO

SOUTH AFRICA SPAIN MONGOLIA KUWAIT

# **Toilets of the World**











KUWAIT THAILAND JAPAN SOUTH AFRICA









MEXICO GERMANY ETHIOPIA CUBA











TOILETS OF THE WORLD













BHUTAN UZBEKISTAN MONGOLIA

# Germany



#### GERMANY DEUTSCHLAND

Europe's biggest, most powerful nation, Germany has been at the uncomfortable

center of European politics since Otto von

Bismarck oversaw its unification in 1871. Seemingly overnight, city-states that had

squabbled for centuries became a power-

ful force - technologically, commercial-

ly, imperially. Tensions led to the almost accidental flare-up of World War I.

When Germany lost, the vengeful Allies

imposed a humiliating peace treaty that

led to vast inflation and social turmoil.

Capitalizing on popular anger, a deranged,

anti-Semitic agitator managed to seize

power, launch a war, and oversee the

extermination of Germany's Jews. When

Germany lost again, the vengeful Allies

divided it. Moscow controlled the smaller

eastern part; the bigger western part was

tied to its western neighbors. West

Germany rebuilt its war-torn cities and

became an economic behemoth. Indeed, it

became so rich that when Communism

fell most "westies" believed that they

could easily absorb the "easties." Instead

the eastern economy collapsed, and the

west couldn't prop it up - leading to the

kind of nationalist discontent that Ger-

many's neighbors have learned to fear. At

the same time, the country faces ecological

limits. The east has some of the world's

worst pollution, and the west has acid rain

and water contamination. As a result,

Germany finds itself once again in the

enter of the Europ

#### STATS

Area

137,838 sq. mi. (356,998 sq. km.)

> Population 81.3 million

Population density 589.8 per sq. mi. (227.7 per sq. km.)

Total fertility rate 1.5 children per woman

Population doubling time 158 years

Percentage urban/rural

87% urban, 13% rural

Population per television 2.7 persons per set

Annual per capita consumption of beer 152 quarts (144 liters)

Percentage of native freshwater fish that are extinct or threatened

Percentage of trees with more than 1/4 of leaves lost to acid rain and pollution

Number of people seeking asylum in Germany 536,000 (1992)

Life expectancy Female: 79, Male: 73

Infant mortality

Rank of affluence

#### GERMANY

## Uneasy Unity

The PfitznerFamily

1:30 P.M., FEBRUARY 13, 1994 COLOGNE, GERMANY

PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER GINTER

#### KEY TO BIG PICTURE

- Bernhard Pfitzner, father, 38 2. Brigitte Klose-Pfitzner, mother,
- Manuel Pfitzner, son, 7 Christian Pfitzner, son, 4

#### **OBJECTS IN PHOTO**

(Clockwise from center left)

- · Bookshelf for picture books
- Video-cassette recorder (below bookshelf) · Stereo and tape recorder
- (on bookshelf) · Television, turntable, speak-
- ers (behind bookshelf) · Dining table with chairs and
- 4 place settings · Tripod with video camera (hooked up to TV, live image
- is of photographer from Material World)
- · Bookshelf with books · Antique cupboard for china
- and glassware . Painting (through window of
- Pfitzners' apartment) · Armoire (with clothes for parents and children)
- Corner sofa
- · Kitchen cupboard (for china, spices, utensils)

- · Ceramic statuary (on hutch
- · Desk (for boys, with lamp clock, pencil jar, etc.)
- · Toy shelves with toys · Kitchen table and chair
- (behind desk) · Plastic castle, little trucks.
- miniature dinosaurs (on
- . Loft beds (2, for boys) Bookshelf (between beds)
- · Station wagon (behind bed
- · Stove/oven with pots
- · Dishwasher (full of dishe
- · Microwave (on dishwash · Refrigerator (with stickers
- · Cabinet
- Dresser · 2nd toy castle (on dresse
- · Parents' bed . Bicycles (4, one behind 3r
- bookshelf) · Father's motorcycle · Basket filled with items fro

family's history

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# Japan

**JAPAN** 

## Paradoxical Affluence

The Ukita Family

30 P.M., DECEMBER 16, 1992 TOKYO, JAPAN

TOGRAPHS BY PETER MENZEL



#### IG PICTURE

daughter, 45

#### IN PHOTO

s, left to right)

oks, dolls, pogo , miscellaneous

sket for toys ks (2) with back-

(3) with books,

nging on carport) hair (with stuffed

minivan)

2, atop car) ) player (on small

rophies (2, on

no and bench

ehind piano) pairs) s (2), ball, pool

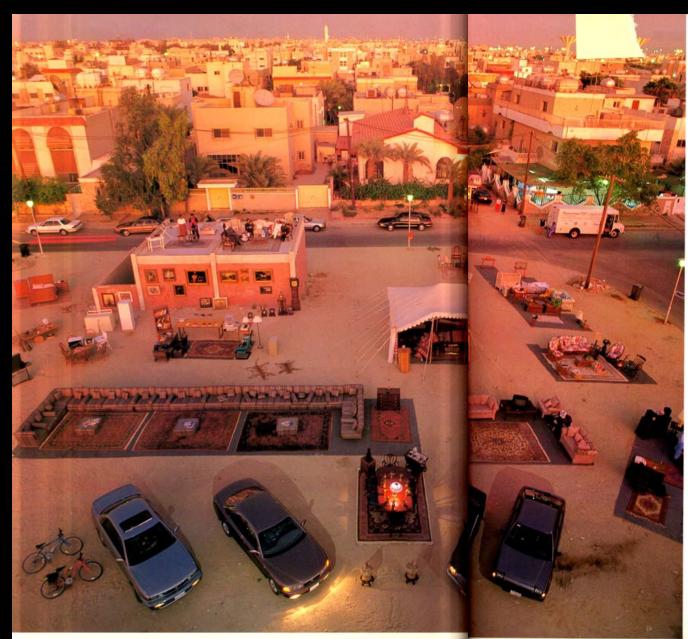
rkel, ice chest r e (with thermos, r, tomatoes)

- Sayo Ukita, mother, 43
   Maya Ukita, daughter, 6
- Pots and pans (on end table)
   China cabinet (with china,
- China cabinet (with china, microwave oven, toaster oven, liquor bottles)
- Papier-mâché animal (on cabinet, school project)
   Bed (behind cabinet)
- Dressing table with mirror (behind bed)
- Umbrellas (by dressing table)
- Dining table (with family)
- Fire extinguisher (on wall)
   Dog house (on steps)
- Dog (named Izumaru)
   Bunk beds (with blanket
- Bunk beds (with blankets, video cassettes, toys)
- Clothes rack (with woman's suit)
- Entrance gate (right half, black metal, with mail slot)
- Butcher block table (with cooking utensils)
- Food-storage unit (by washer)
   Electric washer/dryer
- Cleaning supplies (in basket, on plastic shelf unit)
- Tub toys (by bathmat)
  Skateboards (2, leaning on

shelf)



# Kuwait



#### KUWAIT

## Oil Rich, Worker Poor

The Abdulla Family

5:30 P.M., DECEMBER 10, 1993 KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT

BIG PICTURE BY PETER MENZEL

DAILY LIFE PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER ESSICK



#### KEY TO BIG PICTURE

- Saif Abdulla, father, 52
- 2. Zainab Abdulla, mother, 44 3. Lubna Abdulla, daughter, 29
- 4. Lail Abdulla, daughter, 26 5. Abla Abdulla, daughter, 16
- **OBJECTS IN PHOTO**

- ment)
- · Glass-topped coffee tables
- · Gas barbecue grill
- · Kitchen table (with microwave oven, toaster
- · Washer and dryer
- · Home-office furniture (includes telephone, fax
- · Oil paintings, stained glass pal pumping station)
- Duck decoys (3) · Antique clocks (6)

- 6. Ali Abdulla, son, 2 7. Agnes Fernandes, servant, 25 8. Zavier Fernandes, servant, 30
- H. Family home (with refrigerator in entry, satellite dish)

- · 45-foot-long sofa (from base-
- (3, with magazines)

  Carpets (4, beneath sofa,
- Low table (with fishing poles, various sporting equipment)
- oven, high chair, 6 chairs)
- · Bedroom set
- Refrigerator
- machine, computer, printer, 2 leopard skins, 2 lamps)
- windows (on wall of munici-

- (Selected items, clockwise from . Ironing board, iron, end table, radio, chairs (2), twin bed, carpet (on roof of pumping station, used by
  - servants) Sofa, chairs (6), coffee table, jumbo jet tricycle (on roof, near family)
  - Lectern, carpets (2), cush-ions, coffee pot collection (in family tent)
  - . Living room sets (3, two with color televisions)
  - · Bedroom sets (3, one with vanity, one with crib, one with long basketball trophy
  - ribbons and guitar)
     Cars (4: 1992 Mazda, 1989 Mercedes Benz, 1990 Honda, 1992 Mitsubishi)
  - . Antique Chinese urns (2) . Dining room table with chairs
  - · Tiffany lamp, collection of antique coffee pots (on table)
  - · Silver tea set (on tea cart) · End table with statue

# **United States**



#### UNITED ST

## Moral Diler

The Skeen Fami

6:30 A.M., AUGUST 4, PEARLAND, TEXAS, U

BIG PICTURE BY PETER O AND PETER MENZI



#### KEY TO BIG PICTURE

Rick Skeen, father, 36
 Pattie Skeen, mother, 34

#### OBJECTS IN PHOTO

(Foreground)

· Family Bible (held by mother)

(Left to right)

Dog (Lucky, tied to real fire hydrant—souvenir of father's years as fireman)
 Sewing machine (antique, treadle-style)
 Easy chair
 Photo lights for shooting Big Picture (scattered through-out scene)

out scene)

End.table with lamp

Living room couch

Coffee table (marble-topped,

with books)

Storage cabinet

Television (on cabinet)

2nd easy chair
 Stereo (on matching marble-topped table)

Speakers (4, on either side

## The Cavin family of American Canyon, Calif.,



# Update for 2020?







# FOOD MATTERS! Global Politics and Practices

What the World Eats



101 Diets Around the World

## A Hungry Planet: What the World Eats

In the year 2000, photographer Menzel and Faith D'Aluisio discover the following FACT:

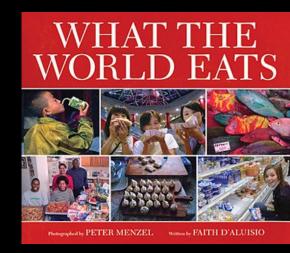
The same number of people in the world were <u>overfed</u> as underfed (2000).





## A Hungry Planet: What the World Eats

- Over the next 5 years, they visited families in 24 countries
- They RESEARCHED:
  - WHAT kinds of foods people eat in different cultures?
  - Where are people getting their food habits and cravings?
  - Where do they go for food purchases and what COSTS do they typically incur?
  - HOW much, a typical FAMILY/CLAN consumes weekly/yearly?
  - WHO sets the FOOD AGENDAS
  - FOOD DIVERSITY is good for you. But who gets it?
  - Food/diet connections to HEALTH and LONGEVITY
- As with Material Worlds, they photographed each family. But this time with an entire week's supply of typical foods + Estimated cost of that food.
- BOOK: Hungry Planet: What the World Eats.



# Initial findings

- 1. Eating habits are formed at an early age 1-6 yrs.
  - a. Generally, you eat what your <u>parents</u> eat.
  - b. **Bad/good habits** passed generationally <u>WITHOUT</u> knowledge or questioning.
  - c. Parents, family, children are influenced by MEDIA
  - d. POWER!! GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL/FOOD INDUSTRIES
- 2. As a nation's wealth \$\$ grows, its citizen's Waist lines do too, thanks to
  - a. diets higher in protein, sugar, and fat->
  - b. PROCESSED FOODS
  - c. TEEN years can be the worst (in developed countries)
  - d. Eating out/Take-out
- 3. GLOBAL OBESITY EPIDEMIC→ is <u>DIRECTLY</u> connected to our food <u>AND</u> our <u>lack of EXERCISE/movement</u>.
- 4. DIRECT CONNECTION TO MEDIA USE/HABITS!
- 5. World food expenditures (as a % of household expenditures) are <u>radically</u> UNEQUAL around the world.









# **Food Deserts**

## Definition of a food desert =

- an area in which it is <u>difficult</u> or <u>impossible</u> to buy <u>affordable</u> and <u>good-quality fresh</u> food.
- Only processed and synthetic foods available
- A region where you must travel more than 20 miles to access good quality, fresh food.

## USDA definitions.

- Food deserts are defined as parts of the country devoid of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other healthful whole foods.
- This is largely due to a lack of basic <u>grocery</u> <u>stores</u>, <u>farmers' markets</u>, <u>and healthy food</u> <u>providers</u>.
- USDA reviewed cases where full service supermarkets were opened in **food deserts**, but with little effect on shopping or eating habits caused by conditioned behaviors and tastes.







# Food Oasis

- Definition of a food OASIS=
  - An area with higher access to supermarkets or vegetable shops with fresh foods, which is called a food oasis
  - MULTIPLE ACCESS POINTS for fresh fruit, vegetables, and other healthful whole foods.
  - Grocery stores
  - Farmers' markets
  - Healthy food providers
  - Farm to Plate restaurants





# Food Divisions/Insecurity

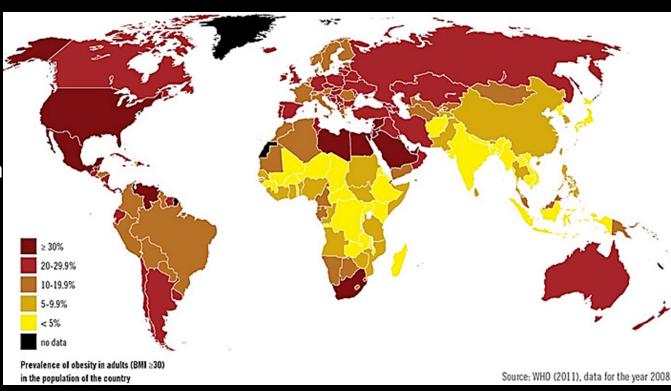
- Food Apartheid?
- Inside
   America's
   Hunger
   Capital:
   Memphis



## The GLOBAL Obesity Epidemic

21<sup>st</sup> Century Food→Health

- More than 1.6 billion people (~25%) in the world are either overweight or obese, according to a recent study by the World Health Organization.
  - overweight if body mass index (BMI) is 25 or higher
  - obese with a BMI or 30 or higher.



# **Additional Findings**

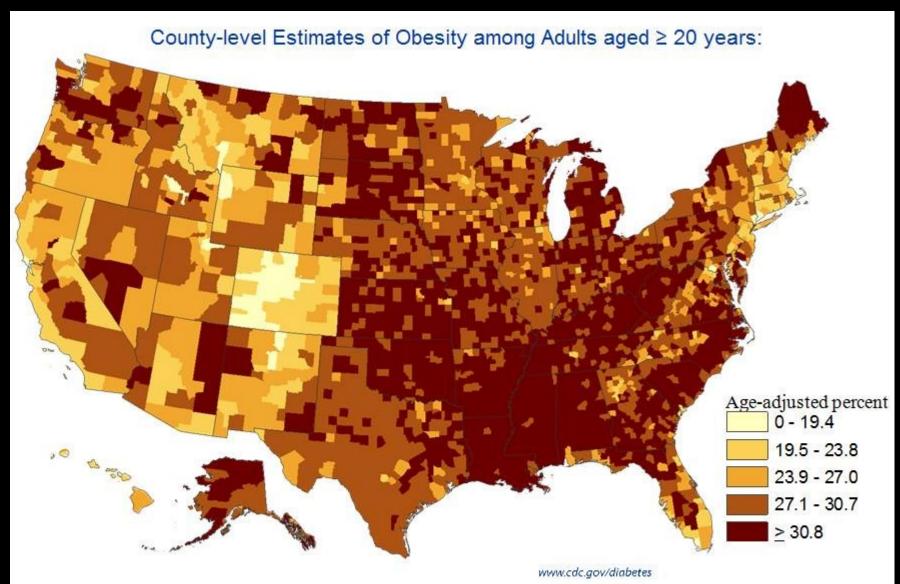
- a. South Pacific Nations (Samoa, Tonga, Micronesia) along with Kuwait have higher obesity and diabetes rates than any Western country.
- b. Cross-border Habits and Food indsutries:

  Mexico is typical. It has all the bad eating habits of the United States, "without access to the good ones."



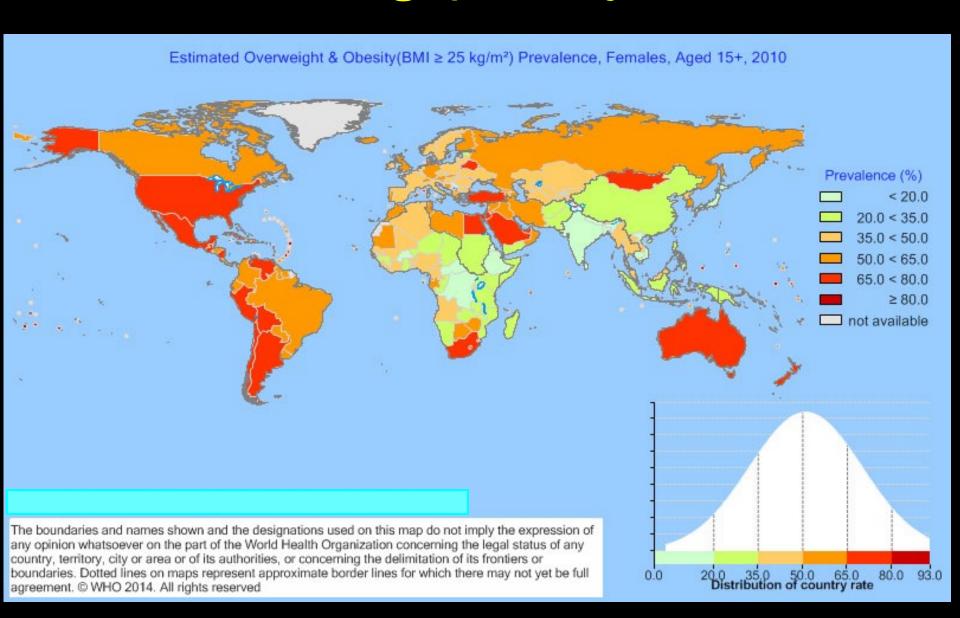
Rank	Country	% Overweight or obese
1.	Nauru	94.5
2.	Federated States of Micronesia	91.1
3.	Cook Islands	90.9
4.	Tonga	90.8
5.	Niue	81.7
6.	Samoa	80.4
7.	Palau	
8.	Kuwait	74.2
9.	United States	<u>74.1</u>
10.	Kiribati	73.6
11.	Dominica	71.0
12.	Barbados	69.7
13.	Argentina	69.4
14.	Egypt	69.4
15.	Malta	68.7
16.	Greece	68.5
17.	New Zealand	68.4
18.	United Arab Emirates	68.3
19.	Mexico	68.1
20.	Trinidad and Tobago	67.9

### **United States**



http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/DDT\_STRS2/NationalDiabetesPrevalenceEstimates.aspx?mode=OBS

## Women: Overweight/Obesity 2010→2025



Mali



**KOUAKOUROU, MALI** — THE NATOMO FAMILY: Soumana, 46 (in blue), with his two wives, Pama, 35 (immediate left), and Fatoumata, 33 (immediate right), their children, and members of the extended family

Asked about their favourite foods, the family says that they don't think in terms of favorites. All of their meals center on a millet porridge called tô, which is eaten with various soups and sauces.

Weekly EXPENDITURE: \$30



- BHUTAN: The Namgay family of Shingkhey Village
- FAMILY RECIPE: Mushroom, cheese and pork
- FOOD EXPENDITURE FOR ONE WEEK: Weekly \$5.03



- CHAD: The Aboubakar family of Breidjing Camp
- FAVORITE FOODS: soup with fresh sheep meat
- FOOD EXPENDITURE FOR ONE WEEK: 685 CFA Francs or \$1.23

**Ecuador** 



TINGO, ECUADOR- THE AYME FAMILY: Orlando, 35, and Ermelinda, 37 (at right), with seven of their eight children (not shown is the couple's five-year-old daughter, who lives with their grandparents)

The Ayme family live for most of the year on food that they grow themselves. If they can afford it, on market days Orlando and Ermelinda indulge the family's sweet tooth by buying some brown cane sugar for everyone to nibble on during the week. Orlando's favorite food is pea-flour porridge with potatoes.

Weekly EXPENDITURE: \$36

Cuba



**HAVABA, CUBA** — THE COSTA FAMILY: Lisandra, 16, Ramón Costa Allouis, 39, Sandra Raymond Mundi, 38, and Fabio, 6

In the early 1990s, the Costas, like many Cuban families, raised pigs in their courtyard, but nowadays meat is more readily available in Havana. Government food rations vary according to availability — a pound or two of protein and often coffee, sugar, salt, bread, beans, rice, and oil.



**MEXICO**: The Casales family of Cuernavaca **FAVORITE FOODS**: pizza, crab, pasta, chicken

FOOD EXPENDITURE FOR ONE WEEK: 1,862.78 Mexican Pesos or \$189.09

Egypt



CAIRO, EGYPT — THE AHMED FAMILY: Mamdouh, 35 (wearing glasses), and Nadia, 36 (with dark-brown head scarf), their three children (far left), six members of Nadia's extended family, and a family friend

The Ahmed home is often crowded for meals because many members of the extended family live either in or near the Ahmeds' apartment building. Generally the women in the families cook together. A favourite Ahmed family recipe is Nadia's tajine, a slow-cooked stew with okra and mutton.

**EXPENDITURE:** \$78/wk



**WEITAIWU, CHINA** — THE CUI FAMILY: Haiwang, 33, Jinxian, 31, and (from left) Haiwang's father, Lianyou, 59, mother, Xianglian, 61, and grandmother, Wu, 79, and the couple's son, Yuqi, 6

The Cui family has a small plot of land outside their village, and they also grow tomatoes, cabbage, squash, and cucumbers in their courtyard. Because the government has granted them smaller plots of land in recent years, the family needs to purchase 90 percent of the food they eat.

Italy



PALERMO, ITALY — THE MANZO FAMILY:
Giuseppe, 31, Piera Marretta, 30, Maurizio, 2, Pietro, 9, and Domenico, 7

Giuseppe is a fishmonger, and the Manzos live above the Capo Market in Sicily, where s the world's tastiest fresh fish can be found. But Piera Marretta doesn't like fresh fish, so t seafood of choice in the household is frozen fish sticks. Pietro's favourite food is hot dogs



POLAND: The Sobczynscy family of Konstancin-Jeziorna

**FAMILY RECIPE**: Pig's knuckles with carrots, celery and parsnips **FOOD EXPENDITURE FOR ONE WEEK**: 582.48 Zlotys or \$151.27



UJJAIN, INDIA -- THE PATKAR FAMILY: Neha, 19, Akshay, 15, Jayant, 48, and Sangeeta, 42

Like most devout Hindus, the Patkars are vegetarians. A typical breakfast includes thinly sliced potatoes, onions, and chili peppers fried in vegetable oil and mustard seed, served with rice and chopped cilantro. Sangeeta notes that the Patkars are more flexible about their vegetarianism than her family was when she was growing up. Akshay, for one, says that he has eaten chicken and likes it.



**BARGTHEIDE, GERMANY** — THE MELANDER FAMILY: Kjell, 10, Susanne, 43, Jörg, 45, and Finn, 14

Susanne tries to ensure that the Melanders eat nutritious foods and take supplements, though Jörg notes that his favourite dish is fried potatoes with onions, bacon, and herring. Susanne would like to buy only organic food, but it's simply too expensive.



KODAIRA CITY, JAPAN — THE UKITA FAMILY: Maya, 14, Sayo, 51, Kazuo, 53, and Mio, 17

In any given week, the Ukita family will eat at least a dozen types of fish and shellfish and three varieties of seaweed. Like many families in urban Japan, they eat out often. Kazuo's favourite food is sashimi; Maya's is potato chips. Only 2 percent of Japanese adults are obese.



**GREAT BRITAIN**: The Bainton family of Cllingbourne Ducis

**FAVORITE FOODS**: avocado, mayonnaise sandwich, prawn cocktail, chocolate fudge cake with cream

FOOD EXPENDITURE FOR ONE WEEK: 155.54 British Pounds or \$253.15



**GATINEAU, CANADA** — THE FINKEN FAMILY: Kirk, 43, Danielle, 50, Anna, 11, and Coco Simone, 16

The Finkens try to eat locally produced organic fruit and vegetables and also grow vegetables in their front yard. The children are particularly fond of Indian food-Anna lists her favourite food as matar paneer, and Coco, who recently became a vegetarian, likes spiced lentils and chapatis.



**UNITED STATES**: The Caven family of California

**FOOD EXPENDITURE FOR ONE WEEK: \$159.18** 

FAVORITE FOODS: beef stew, berry yogurt sundae, clam chowder, ice cream



RALEIGH, USA — THE REVIS FAMILY: Brandon, 16, Tyrone, 14, Rosemary, 40, and Ronald, 39

The Revis family has struggled to lose weight at times, and Brandon and Tyrone, Rosemary's sons from a previous marriage, expressed shock at seeing the amount of food that everyone had consumed in a week. The family has since begun a new exercise program.

Weekly EXPENDITURE: \$389

# Diets around the world



EG4 Peter Menzel & Faith d'Aluisio, photojournalists (10-65)